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1. North Korean military units began short-range training during a lull in the cease-fire talks. The use of American weapons was taught by fresh graduates of Yenchi Academy in Manchuria.
2. During July 300,000 Korean and Manchurian-Korean troops, after two months' training, moved from Manchuria to the front via Kaech'on (125-54, 39-42) (YD 4998). The troops were dressed in Chinese Communist uniforms; 70 percent were armed with Chinese Communist weapons, and the remainder had four or five hand grenades each. Forty percent of the North Korean troops now in Korea are due to go back to Manchuria for retraining.
3. CH'OE Hyon (崔鉉), commander of the North Korean 2 Corps, on orders from Combined North Korean-Chinese Communist Headquarters began selecting men from various North Korean units for a guerrilla corps which is to be formed by the end of August and placed in the mountains during the next offensive.
4. North Korean and Chinese Communist laborers recruited for stretcher bearers are now being used on the front to build shelters and defenses.
5. The North Korean 8 Corps, organized in Manchuria during October 1950, was trained for five months. Because of heavy losses, the 8 Corps later became the 12 Division of the 5 Corps. The 8 Corps had three 105-mm. guns and three to six mortars for each regiment.

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